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(57) Abstract: Novel ultrasound methods comprising administering to a patient a targeted vesicle composition which comprises vesicles comprising a lipid, protein or polymer, encapsulating a gas, in combination with a targeting ligand, and scanning the patient using ultrasound. The scanning may comprise exposing the patient to a first type of ultrasound energy and then interrogating the patient using a second type of ultrasound energy. The targeting ligand preferably targets tissues, cells or receptors, including myocardial cells, endothelial cells, epithelial cells, tumor cells and the glycoprotein GPIIb/IIIa receptor. The methods may be used to detect a thrombus, enhancement of an old or echogenic thrombus low concentrations of vesicles and vesicles targeted to tissues, cells or receptors.

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Claims Nos.: 1-72 in part

Present claims 1-72 relate to a method using an extremely large number of possible compositions. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compositions claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the methods using a composition described in the examples, with special emphasis on examples 60-66.

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